

REMARKS

Amendments to claims 1, 7, 9, and 21 are for the purpose of clarifying what Applicant regards as the invention. Amendments to claims 2-4 are to bring these claims into conformity with the language of their respective base claims. No new matter has been added.

I. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-15, 21, and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over pages 1-7 of the subject specification in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,078,924 (Ainsbury).

Claims 1-11 and 21

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the interview. Based on the discussion with the Examiner, and in an earnest effort to further distinguish the claimed subject matters from Ainsbury, claims 1 and 21 have been amended to recite one or more catalog tables associated with a database table, each of the one or more catalog tables corresponding to an attribute and comprising information that relates one or more of the attribute values that are associated with the attribute to an object represented within the database table. Since neither pages 1-7 of the subject specification, nor Ainsbury, discloses or suggests such catalog table(s), it is believed that the amendments should overcome the claim rejections. However, should the same rejections be maintained, Applicant respectfully notes that “catalog 19” of Ainsbury provides instructions on how to access and retrieve data from different sources, with each information source being represented as a “classification” (Col. 7, lines 9-41; Col. 25, lines 1-57), and therefore, is not the same as the catalog table as recited in claims 1 and 21. For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 1 and 21, and claims 2-7 and 9-11,

which depend from claim 1, are believed allowable over pages 1-7 of the subject specification, Ainsbury, and their combination.

Claims 12-15 and 23

Claim 12 recites a *distinguished names table* comprising information that identify unique system identification names for said objects represented in said database table. Claim 23 recites a similar limitation. Neither pages 1-7 of the subject specification, nor Ainsbury, discloses or suggests such limitation. According to the Office Action, Ainsbury teaches “one or more catalog tables”. However, a “catalog table” is not the same as a “distinguished names table” (See pages 17-21 describing embodiments of a “catalog table” and pages 21-24 describing embodiments of a “distinguished-names-table”). For at least the foregoing reason, Applicant respectfully requests that the § 103 rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, all remaining claims are believed in condition for allowance. If, the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, please contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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